

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
EUGENE DISTRICT OFFICE

DECISION RECORD and FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
ROAD NUMBER 18-6-33.1 DECOMMISSIONING
Environmental Assessment No. OR090-EA-99-12

FONSI:

On the basis of the information contained in the Environmental Assessment, and all other information available to me, it is my determination that implementation of the proposed action will not have significant environmental impacts beyond those already addressed in the *Record of Decision (ROD) for Amendments to Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management Planning Documents Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl* (April 1994) and the *Eugene District Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan* (June 1995), with which this EA is in conformance, and does not constitute a major federal action having a significant effect on the human environment. Therefore, an environmental impact statement or a supplement to the existing environmental impact statement is not necessary and will not be prepared.

Decision:

Based on the analysis documented in the Environmental Assessment (EA) OR090-99-12 and the Finding of No Significant Impact it is my decision to select the proposed action. Implementation of this action will result in the decommissioning of approximately 0.4 miles of Road No. 18-6-33.1 on BLM lands by subsoiling the roadway and by removing all the culverts along the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) ownership of this road. The culverts to be removed would include one 60 inch by 40 foot culvert across a fish bearing stream, Swamp Creek; two log culverts across non - fish bearing tributaries of Swamp Creek; and one 8 inch cross ditch culvert. The proposed project area is located in Section 33, Township 18 South, Range 6 West, Willamette Meridian, Lane County, Oregon, within the Riparian Reserve of the Matrix land use allocation (LUA) within the Wolf Creek Watershed. All the project design features identified in the EA will be implemented.

Decision Rationale:

The proposed Action was selected because it is in conformance with the Wolf Creek Watershed Analysis. The Analysis identified road closures and subsoiling as opportunities to benefit aquatic and terrestrial wildlife habitat within the watershed. Road decommissioning would reduce the extent to which the existing road within the Riparian Reserve functions as an extension of the stream network, and would restore or enhance the connectivity of the stream channel and Riparian Reserve for both aquatic and terrestrial wildlife resources. The proposed action is tiered to and is in compliance with the *Record of Decision for Amendments to Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management Planning Documents within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl, April 1994, and the Eugene District Record of Decision (ROD)/Resource Management Plan (RMP), June 1995.*

Consultation and Coordination:

Pursuant to the Endangered Species Act, our BLM wildlife biologist determined there were no known activity centers for any federally proposed or listed terrestrial wildlife species within 0.25 miles of the

proposed project area, and no habitat for them would be modified on federal lands. The proposed action will have "No Affect" on any species, federally listed or proposed, therefore no formal consultation was required.

Because of the age of the stand and the short distance on Federal ownership involved, this action would not jeopardize the continued existence of any Survey and Manage mollusks species as a whole or the local population.

The proposed action is covered under the Programmatic clause for the coastal coho salmon.

Public Comments:

Both the EA and preliminary FONSI were advertised on June 2, 1999, as available for a 30-day public review period in the Eugene Register-Guard. Copies of the EA and preliminary FONSI were mailed to interested individuals on our mailing list. No comments were received on this EA.

Signed by: Diane M. Chung, Coast Range Resource Area Field Manager on July 29, 1999.